TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL,

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Friday, the 31st July, 1931/15th Karkatakam, 1106.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock with M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, Avergal, B, A., B L., Deputy President, in the Chair.

All the members were present.

Opening of an irrigation canal connecting Kallattu Punja with Kilikollur Punja.

28 **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any step has been taken for the cutting and deepening of an irrigation canal from Kallattu *punja* south of Kadakad street to Kilikollur *punja* north of Kadakad street;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps that have already been taken; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether it is a work recommended by the Special Irrigation Officer for the Quilon Division?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Division Officer, Quilon, has prepared an estimate for the work and submitted it to the Chief Engineer. It is being scrutinised by him.

(*c*) This does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member why this work was not included in the Budget for 1107?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As the estimate has not been finally revised, it is not included in the Budget for 1107.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are there not many works included in the Budget for which estimates have not been obtained?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): So far as this work is concerned, I have given that answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer could spend the money allotted for the new works in the Quilon Division for 1107 and execute this work?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are arguing.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I am asking a question, Sir. May I know whether the Chief Engineer is entitled to spend the money allotted for new works in the Quilon Division for 1107 and execute this work?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Under the rules, with the permission of Government, when necessary, he can do it.

Construction of culverts and bridges on the Nuranad-Pandalam road.

29. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of culverts and bridges on the Nuranad-Pandalam road *via* Kudasanad, which was improved by the people of the locality at high cost and with great difficulty;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which the estimate was ready and the further action taken for the execution of the work; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why no action has been taken on the requisitions made by the people and the representation made at the Assembly?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for the work was received from the Chief Engineer on the 5th July 1931 and it is being considered by the Government.

(*c*) This does not arise.

Kuzhiyavil chira, Adur.

30. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any proposal at any time to widen and improve the Kuzhiyavil *chira* near the English High School at Adur; and

(*b*) if so, why that has not been done yet?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) If the member refers to the Putiyakavil *chira* which is situated on the 60th mile of the M. C. road near Adur, there is a proposal to improve this *chira* and there is a provision of Rs. 300 in the Preliminary Budget for 1107 (item 149, Part II of the Detailed Budget Estimate under P. W. D. Works).

(*b*) The work was not done for want of funds

Quantity of local paddy left unsold.

31. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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